Rejection of major Projects in Andhra Pradesh

268. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA.

SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government have rejected five major projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Central Government have intimated the State Government in this regard; and

(b) if so, what is the State Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) Only three projects, namely, Yeleru project, Jurala project and Polavaram project have been rejected from environmental angle due to non furnishing of requisite environmental details.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) No reaction has so far been received from the State Government.

Road Accidents in Delhi/New Delhi

270. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of road accidents in Delhi and New Delhi from January, 1986 to October 31, 1987;

(b) the number of persons killed and injured in these accidents;

(c) the amount of compensation paid by Government to the near relations of the killed and the injured;

(d) the number of accidents in which DTC buses were involved; and

(e) the details of remedial measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The requisite figures for UT of Delhi are indicated below:

Period	No. of accidents	No. of persons killed	No. of persons injured
1.1.86 to 31.10.87	11680	2687	11425

(c) In hit and run cases a sum of Rs. 5,000/- is paid to the next kin of those killed and a sum of Rs. 1,000/- is paid to those injured in road accidents. In addition during the period 1-1-86 to 31-10-87, the Motor Accidents Claims Tribunals have awarded compensation of about Rs. 7 crores.

(d) 1,413.

(e) The following steps have been taken:—

1. Re-designing and widening of roads, central verges, bus-ways and construction of underground subways and service roads for cyclists, have been undertaken.

2. The system of punching/stamping of driving licences for every traffic violations, has been introduced. The driving licence is suspended for six months if the driver commits more than 3 traffic violations.

3. In order to inculcate a sense of road discipline extensive use of mass media viz. Radio, TV and newspapers is made.

4. Members of the public are appointed as traffic wardens to help the Traffic Police.

5. School children are taken to Traffic Training Parks to educate them about traffic rules.